

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/627,634

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 15 June 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 June 2005 and 28 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: On page 1, line 25, of the specification, the words "is that" have been deleted; on page 2, line 7, "provide" has been deleted; in the abstract, line 11, "said" has been changed to -a-, in line 14, "said" has been deleted; in claim 1, line 1, the word "bicycles" has been changed to -a bicycle-, in line 5, "the" has been changed to -a-, in line 7, the word -them- has been inserted after "connect," in lines 14, 15, the words "a downwardly pointing" have been changed to -said-; in claim 2, line 1, The words "As claimed" have been changed to -A device as recited-, in lines 2, 3, the phrase "for inserting into said auxiliary rod," has been changed to -and-.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art does not disclose a device attached on a bicycle wherein the device includes a fixed clip, an auxiliary rod, a main rod, and a spring, with the main rod having a U-shaped elastic piece disposed within it such that a plastic ball on one end of the elastic piece projects through a hole in the main rod as well as through a hole in the auxiliary rod and furthermore with one end of the main rod being curved and having a plurality

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of raised dots on it for receiving the spring. While animal exercise devices attached to bicycles are known, none have the particular combination of features recited above or in instant claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The publication to Calvi (US 2005/0005876 A1) has been cited to provide an additional example of an animal leash attached to a vehicle.

This case is being passed to issue with allowed claims 1, 2.

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